

Flakes, and Sencira Flakes; and four grandchildren.

Proverbs 11:25 says, "A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed." "Mama Flakes", as she is affectionately known, has given her life to God and dedicated herself to the service of others. On a personal note, when I came to Columbus, Georgia in 1972, she nurtured me as if I was one of her children, and for that I will be forever grateful. I can say without reservation that she is one of the most passionate and warmhearted individuals I have ever met. I am proud to consider Mama Flakes and the Flakes family as friends of longstanding.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join my wife Vivian and me, along with the more than 730,000 constituents of the Second Congressional District of Georgia, in commending and recognizing Mrs. Robena Gaines-Flakes for her selfless service to the youth, the church, and to humankind. We extend our best wishes to her as she, her family, and friends celebrate her 83rd birthday.

PASSING OF MARLENE MCCARTHY

HON. JAMES R. LANGEVIN

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 26, 2018

Mr. LANGEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the life of Marlene McCarthy, founder of the Rhode Island Breast Cancer Coalition, who sadly passed away after a courageous fight against breast cancer.

Throughout her life, Marlene displayed strength and resilience in the face of adversity. Her personal experience battling cancer and reaching for life beyond a diagnosis became the foundation by which she inspired others.

She received many accolades for her work in Rhode Island and across the nation, including the National Breast Cancer Coalition Advocate of the Year Award, the Rhode Island Woman of the Year award, and the Freedom Torch Award.

In addition to her inspiring advocacy, Marlene was beloved by her community for her kindness and integrity. Although she is no longer with us, her legacy lives on.

Marlene will be missed, but she will never be forgotten.

CONGRATULATING TAYLOR
SUSAN, NEWLY CROWNED MISS
INDIAN WORLD

HON. RAÚL M. GRIJALVA

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 26, 2018

Mr. GRIJALVA. Mr. Speaker, the Miss Indian World pageant was initially held in 1984 open to young Native American women ages 18–24. The purpose of the pageant is to provide young Native American women an opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge of their tribes and cultures, and serve as a cultural Ambassador of Native Americans. Unlike other pageants, the Miss Indian World pageant is a four-day competition, where contestants are scored based on public speaking, traditional talent, interviews, essay writing, and dance.

On April 28, 2018 in a sold-out crowd with over 3,600 Native American Pow-Wow dancers, Taylor Susan was crowned the 35th Miss Indian World.

Ms. Susan is from the White Mountain Apache and Walker River Paiute tribes and is no stranger to Native American pageants. She served as Miss Indian Arizona in 2015, and Miss Native American University of Arizona in 2014. Shortly after she was crowned Miss Indian World, Ms. Susan received her bachelor's degree in political science with minors in chemistry and theater from the University of Arizona. Go Wildcat.

I would like to congratulate Taylor Susan for being crowned the 35th Miss Indian World and wish her the best of luck as she travels around the world to represent Native Americans.

RECOGNIZING BUCKS COUNTY WOMEN'S ADVOCACY GROUP

HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 26, 2018

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, today, I was proud to welcome the youth of the Bucks County Women's Advocacy Coalition, a group of students dedicated to securing and safeguarding the rights of women and children. As teenagers, they are uniquely positioned, as their futures are shaped by laws passed today. They recognize that change comes only through collaboration and working across the aisle, and rightfully expect their elected officials to be problem solvers.

One issue these teenagers are passionate about—and one which I am proud to stand with them—is sound, bipartisan gun violence prevention. By advocating for sensible legislation that protects our schools, homes, and workplaces in Bucks County from senseless tragedies, these young citizens are truly serving their community in a meaningful way.

I am proud to work alongside Leah Porter, Kyra Kendrick, Sophia Rubin, and Clarissa Rubin to fight for a fairer, safer, and more inclusive nation and world.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE ANNUAL DOWNRIVER SENIOR OLYMPIC

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 26, 2018

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Downriver Senior Olympics for three decades of providing seniors the opportunity to compete in a variety of events. This event brings our community together for recreation and fun each summer.

During these decades, the Downriver Senior Olympics has hosted different athletic competitions where seniors can face off against their peers. More than 500 senior athletes will compete in the 2018 event and participate in the Unity Awards banquet at the end of the week. The Olympic athletes are divided into five divisions depending on their age. Sports include golf, horseshoes, bowling, bean bag toss, bocce ball, shuffleboard and many more.

The Downriver Senior Olympics is a testament to the toughness of Michigan's seniors. It is not a common sight to see hundreds of septuagenarians fiercely trying to win a game of frisbee or hockey. These activities help bring people from all walks of life together and foster friendships and community among seniors from our local community. We are grateful for the work that the volunteers do to make this event happen and look forward to its continuation in the years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Downriver Senior Olympics for giving our seniors the chance to experience the thrill of competition while engaging with the community in a healthy and positive atmosphere. Our seniors deserve to be treated with dignity and respect, and one of the ways to do that should be to actively include them in our communities with events like the Down River Senior Olympics.

INTRODUCTION OF THE MEDICATION AUTOMATED QUOTATION SYSTEM ACT

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 26, 2018

Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing the Medication Automated Quotation System or MEDAQ Act to offer what I believe would alleviate our Nation's prescription drug pricing crisis. This bill calls for a study on the effect of creating a system similar to today's NASDAQ, but for prescription drugs instead of stock.

Patients are having to choose between food and medicine. Pharmacists are being forced to provide prescriptions at a loss, and they can't speak up without risk of being cut out of their communities' insurance networks and forced out of business.

Every time anyone tries to determine the root causes of high drug prices, fingers are pointed and no one accepts any responsibility.

I have been vocal in the past about my concerns with the unethical and secretive practices of pharmacy benefits managers, or PBMs, who hide behind gag clauses and retroactive fees and rebates. The Nation is becoming more familiar with those practices and PBMs are starting to squirm.

But as with any massive problem like our drug pricing crisis, there is no one, single culprit. Thus, we need to be able to truly see what is going on.

During my 30 years in Congress, I have always asked, "What's the cost?" I always want to see the numbers behind ideas and legislation. This bill calls for just that: what are the real numbers behind our medication prices?

I envision the MEDAQ as a system that would help manufacturers and wholesalers and pharmacists and others involved in the drug industry see in real time what the average price of drugs is as they are negotiating with each other.

At this time, the medication market is like a farmers market where all the vendors will not tell their customers what they will really be paying for the produce. Imagine if a customer buys a basket of peaches and is told they'll get half of their money back in the mail in a few weeks.